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EDITORIAL

New JFK probe needed

The final report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities with its finding that the CIA withheld information surely relevant to the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination adds weight to the argument that a new high-level inquiry into Kennedy's death is needed.

In its 106-page report addressing the performance of federal intelligence agencies, foreign and domestic, with respect to the Kennedy assassination, the committee disclosed that the CIA apparently ignored the possibility of a connection between its efforts to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and Kennedy's subsequent murder.

Nor did the CIA inform the Warren Commisssion of its sponsorship of several abortive assassination plots against Castro, including one that was in progress when the President was killed.

Particularly disturbing are the indications that Castro knew of CIA plots against him and had privately warned that U.S. leaders might find themselves in jeopardy.

The Senate committee was careful to note that none of this new information is, in itself, "sufficient to justify a conclusion that there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy."

We agree. But the new revelations raise disturbing questions about the adequacy of the official Warren Commission investigation. If the investigation was inadequate and substantial new information is now available, there is at least the possibility that a fresh official investigation might ultimately arrive at a conclusion different from the one propounded by the Warren Commission.

Moreover, a thorough new probe of the Kennedy assassination, providing it were responsibly conducted, would help allay the now pervasive public impression that the full truth about the assassination has never been revealed.

The report concludes by recommending a follow-up investigation of Kennedy's assassination by the newly formed Senate Intelligence Committee. That is a suggestion worth considering, but a better idea might be a new probe conducted jointly by representatives of Congress and the executive branch including the Department of Justice and the intelligence community.